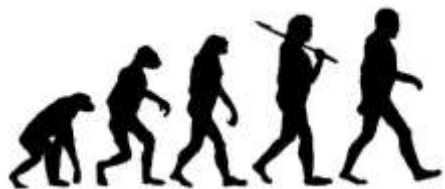


'Survival' - Year 5&6 - Autumn Half Term 1



English

Our writing focus will start with planning and writing a survival adventure story inspired by our class novel, 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell. We will be learning how to use expanded noun phrases effectively to create some impressive description in our writing.

We will also be looking at biographies and writing biographies of our own for explorers and scientists linked to our topic.

Spellings will be sent home weekly for a test on Friday.

Maths

We start our maths unit with an in-depth look at place value. We need to be able to read, write, order and compare numbers to 1,000,000 (year 5) or 10,000,000 (year 6). We will continue to practise formal written methods for all four operations. It is really important to know your times tables confidently in year 5 and 6 so practise as often as you can. This will help in many other areas of our maths curriculum.

Creative Curriculum

Our main topic this half term is 'Survival'. This will look at the Science of Evolution and Inheritance, where we will discover how we and other creatures have evolved over time and how animals adapt to their environment. There will even be an opportunity to design a species of our own! We will be finding out about important scientific discoveries by Charles Darwin and Mary Anning. We will look at world Geography, focusing on how species survive in different habitats. In Art, we will be exploring the theme of camouflage within the natural world, developing drawings, paintings and sculptures which experiment with camouflage and texture. We are also excited about the Harris Museum paying us a visit with an amazing piece of art to inspire us!

Our PE focus is games. We will be working in partnership with PNE and 'Maths on the Move' for some exciting PE lessons!

R.E

This term we will be celebrating the feast of St Francis. We will be preparing for harvest celebrations and thanking God for His wonderful gift of creation. We will think about how the lives of St. Francis and St. Vincent de Paul were based on beliefs about creation.

OTHER INFORMATION

PE will take place on Mondays and Thursdays this half term. Learning logs will be sent home weekly on Fridays and collected in on Thursday. Reading books are to be brought into school daily.